

## **Oak Farm Junior Music Mission Statement**

### **Mission Statement:**

*“Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high-quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.”*

### **School Policy:**

Here at Oak Farm Juniors pupils have regular class music lessons which involve understanding and using musical elements to create effective soundscape compositions as well as specific melodic pieces. Children develop their knowledge of the history of music and a collection of composers.

Children develop their performance skills; both vocal and instrumental, and have increased accuracy in aural memory, use of sound control, fluency and use of expression.

From year 3 through to Year 6 all children have units of theory work to improve and develop their knowledge of rhythms and notation in both the Treble and Bass Clef.

Assessment for all units of work is carried out through observations and questioning during the lesson and after if recorded work, record keeping of notes taken, written work, end of unit evaluations, pupil self-assessment.

All children are offered and encouraged to learn a variety of musical instruments, taught weekly by visiting staff from the Hillingdon Music Service and by freelance peripatetic staff, these lessons can lead to Graded exams. Every year an Instrumental Concert is held to celebrate their learning.

Music after school is also an active part of Oak Farm with group instrumental lessons, which also encourage adults to join in, and band practise.

Each week Oak Farm pupils take part in a whole school song practise with focused singing to reinforce musical knowledge and participation as well as various subject topics and issues from the wider community. In other assemblies through the learning week children can volunteer to perform to the whole school whether it is through a school music activity or to perform a piece they have learnt outside of school.

The school has a Junior Choir which rehearses weekly and takes part in entertaining the wider community.

Visits by musicians from various cultural and musical backgrounds are arranged throughout the year for year groups and whole school appreciation.